

CASCADE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

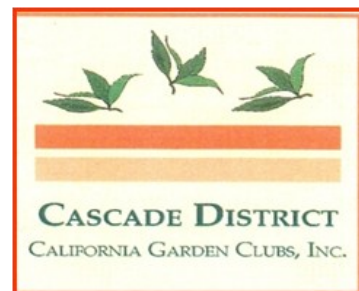
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“Country Blooms & Barnyard Dreams”

April 7, Cascade Arrangers Guild and Cascade District hosted an NGC Flower Show at the Neighborhood Church in Anderson. It was a beautiful show, with 43 exhibitors bringing in 217 entries in horticulture, design, botanical arts, and education divisions! There were many positive comments from participants, judges, and visitors who attended .

First time exhibitors were recognized with a special badge made by Dottie Renstrom, chair of the show. Judges and 5 new student judges also got special badges. The show received a very positive evaluation by a team of three accredited NGC judges. This allows the show to be entered for a possible CGCI Flower Show Award.

Pictured below are just a few of the fabulous entries that were in the show. Article continues on page 2.



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In the Horticulture Division, Jeff Brooks received the top Award of Horticultural Excellence, The Collector's Showcase Award, and two Grower's Choice Awards. The Arboreal Award was won by Lynne Caraway, and Award of Merit were won by Judy Paul for her pansies, Joie Raymond for her rose, and Gretchen Lasater for her iris. Other blue ribbon exhibitors included Vicki Van Gundy, Lesa Lane, Michelle Waybright, Suzy Brooks, Barbara Parker-Griess, Margo Willis, Carolyn Hoyum, Karen Nelson, and Margie Wahl.

Blue ribbon winners in Designer's Choice and Creative Line were Marilyn Clark, Carolyn H., Joie R., Erin Urban, Fran Galantine, and Michelle W. Petite Design top ribbons went to Michelle W. and Lesa L. Table Design classes were won by Alicia Stewart, Judy P., and Fran G. Fran also won the Table Artistry Award.

In the Botanical Arts Division the blue ribbons were awarded to Margie W., Judy P., Jill Cruz, Susan Konersman, and Trudi Morris. Photography was a new addition to the show, with blue ribbons given to Karen N., Kit R., Kristi Betts, Lesa L., Marilyn C., and Jill Cruz. Jill also won the Botanical Arts Photography Award!

There were two entries in the Education Division, with both Bonnie Adema and Jill C. receiving first place. Bonnie was awarded the Educational Top Exhibitor Award.

Many thanks to all the people who worked hard to plan for this event, donated time, talent, food, gift baskets, and more. Special thanks to all the exhibitors, especially the first timers who took a chance on a new experience! We REALLY appreciate your willingness to join the show, and apologies that space does not allow all of your names to be mentioned. We hope it was a rewarding experience, and more of you will enter next year!

Redding Wonderland Hosts Events

The Redding Wonderland Garden Club members have been super busy these past couple of months! On February 26, they hosted the Cascade District Winter Meeting, with guest speaker Eric Knapp giving us helpful information on fire safety things we can do around our homes. The 70 guests were treated with a great lunch, items to bid on, beautiful centerpieces to win, and fun opportunities to visit with friends. Our usual district business was conducted, and silent auction bids from the baskets contributed from each club made dollars for our district. All of the attendees received a red spider lily start as a guest favor. These were a special sharing from past member, Velma Crain's garden. Thank you members of RWGC!!



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The busy as bees RWGC members buzzed right around to the “Spring Fling” they hosted on March 21! Nearly 200 folks attended this annual fund raising luncheon they host. This year’s theme was “Tea Party in the Enchanted Forest,” with welcoming enchanting décor as guest entered the event! The members created a fantastic array of silent auction baskets, plant and craft sales items, and beautiful, creative, themed table centerpieces for guests to consider purchasing or buying tickets to win. The new honorary “Diana Gifford-Tuggle Raffle Corner” was a special, popular addition.

A presentation by Missy from Honeybee Discovery Center in Orland informed guests about the life of bees and their importance in our food supply.



Spring brings plant sales

All of our Cascade District clubs have had ,or will have, plant sales with chances to add veggies and assorted other plants to your gardens! Despite some rainy weather and slight changes in some dates, Red Bluff, Anderson, Cottonwood, and Lake California garden clubs all had very successful plant sales with many shoppers!

On May 2, Redding and Shasta Lake will have their plant sales, so there is still time to plan to attend. Redding’s sale will be at there usual location on Hartnell Avenue from 9am-3pm. Shasta Lake Garden Project will be selling their plants on the main boulevard just past their Veteran’s Memorial Garden. This is a change from being in the park as past years. They will be selling plants from 9am-3pm that day, so you can purchase plants, as well as joining in with the other **Boomtown Festival** activities in Shasta Lake City planned for that day.

As all the clubs know, RBGC has received a donation of some helpful gopher cages to protect your trees and plants from those little pests! We have more if you need them. Please contact Bonnie Adema, 252-304-3071, or email bodem@aol.com if you discover a need for them!

Kudos to Lake California on their new Facebook page! If you have not checked it out, please do. It is super nice, informative, and creates interest in what our clubs all do. Thumbs up to you Lake California garden Club!



The Great Sunflower Project

Thank you to Barbara Parker-Griess, a new member in Cottonwood Garden Club, for sharing information about this opportunity to contribute to science and conservation. All of our district clubs have expressed interest, with several members in each wanting to plant the Lemon Queen sunflowers. Later in the summer, participants will record the pollinators who visit the sunflowers on at least three different, five minute observation periods.

After your observations, please submit your data at

<http://www.GreatSunflower.org>

Each club president has received

the email about this project , and hopefully all those who are interested received a copy . If not please contact this director, and I will see that you receive one. The Lemon Queen sunflower seeds are in the process of being distributed to the clubs so you may start your planting! Lets help assure our pollinators are given healthy chances at survival.

Barbara has gotten the local Women's Club to also join in this project. That should give a great representation from our local area. Happy growing and observing pollinators in your gardens!



Making those Blue Stars shine!



Cheryle Yednak, President of Shasta Lake Garden Project, recently painted the blue star on their marker in the Veteran's Garden in Shasta Lake City! See the before (top) and after pictures to note the big improvement. This director purchased the paint, so any other stars that need a touch up, let me know as the paint is for our district to use.



We want to clean up, touch up blue stars if needed, plant, or re-plant around our markers here in Cascade District for our nation's 250th birthday July 4th! Please check out your marker, and let me know if you need any assistance to make them look their best.

Some new plants were recently added to the Blue Star Marker at the Tehama District Fairgrounds. When you are at the fair, check it out with its red, white, and blue planting!

CGCI 94th Convention

This convention will be held in San Diego, May 11-14.

Attending and representing our Cascade District this year are your director, Judy Paul, Dottie Renstrom & Debbie Marshall from Red Bluff GC, and Cheryle Yednak & Tena Eisenbeisz from Shasta Lake Garden Project.

We will be making a little presentation for "save the date" for our district hosting of this event in 2027! All of us will be watching, listening, and talking to folks to help us in our big plans to host CGCI up here in the north state! Much more information will be coming!